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Utah Senator says Flint doesn't need aid, blocks lead bill

By Todd Spangler, The Detroit News, 03/05/2016, 6:55 a.m.

A Republican U.S. senator from Utah is holding up a federal funding package worth more than \$100 million which could help address the issue of high lead levels found in Flint's water, saying in a statement on Friday that no federal aid is needed at this time.

GOP senator: Federal aid not needed in Flint water crisis

By Matthew Daly, Associated Press, appearing on WDIV-TV Detroit website, 03/05/2016, 04:31 a.m.

Republican Sen. Mike Lee of Utah said federal aid is not needed in Flint, Mich., where lead-contaminated pipes have resulted in an ongoing public health emergency.

Utah senator says federal aid isn't needed to solve Flint water crisis

By Fox News, 03/05/2016, 12:35 a.m.

Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, said Friday federal aid isn't needed in Flint, Michigan, where lead-contaminated pipes have resulted in an ongoing public health crisis. Lee said he is blocking a bipartisan bill to address the water crisis in Flint because Michigan's Gov. Rick Snyder has not asked for federal help and the state doesn't need it.

Senator Puts Hold on Lead Bill, Says Flint Doesn't Need Fed Aid

By Phil Helsel, NBCNews.com, 03/04/2016, 06:22 p.m. [video included]

A U.S. senator from Utah who put a hold on a bill to provide federal aid to Flint, Michigan, amid its water crisis said Friday he did so because the federal money is unneeded. "The state of Michigan has an enormous budget surplus this year and a large rainy-day fund, totaling hundreds of millions of dollars," Sen. Mike Lee, a Republican, said in a statement Friday.

Reporter on Flint water crisis finds lead at own home

By Josh Hakala, Michigan Radio, 03/04/2016

For the last year, Lindsey Smith has been at the forefront of Michigan Radio's in-depth reporting of the Flint water crisis. Now, the issue of lead contamination in the environment has dropped right on her doorstep. In a recent appearance on Stateside, Michigan Radio's West Michigan reporter revealed that her 18-month-old daughter tested positive for elevated lead levels in her blood. After getting a routine test around her birthday, the numbers came back with a rate of five micrograms per deciliter of blood.

High lead levels could impact Flint for years

By Adrian Diaz, CBS News, 03/04/2016, 08:30 p.m. [video included]

There was a groundbreaking moment in Flint, Michigan on Friday as a plumbing crew dug up a corroded lead pipe outside a home where an expectant mother and an eight-year-old girl live -- and replaced it with a copper pipe. For the city, that means one down, about 8,000 to go.

Lead poisoning in Flint water could cause long-term health issues

By Jen Christensen, Las Vegas Review-Journal, 03/04/2016 [video included]

Aaron Stinson does whatever he can to stay healthy. He exercises regularly. He avoids sweets. He drinks only water. "I consume a lot of water. I try to live a healthy lifestyle so I try not to drink too much pop," Stinson said. "This is a lifestyle with me, I consume a lot of water, all my friends and family know that about me."

Expert: Up to 96 million at risk from lead in water

By Paul Egan, Detroit Free Press, 03/04/2016, 05:29 p.m.

A drinking water expert told Gov. Rick Snyder and other Michigan officials Friday that the implementation of federal rules intended to ensure safe drinking water falls woefully short, leaving up to 96 million Americans at risk for lead poisoning, even when they are told their drinking water meets federal standards and is safe to drink.

What to Know About the Flint Water Crisis in 3 Minutes

By Joyce Lee, TIME, 03/04/2016 [video included]

The city of Flint, Mich. is coping with a crisis caused by increased levels of lead in the city's water supply. In a cost-saving measure, the city switched its water.

Lead testing event at church focuses on dogs impacted by Flint water crisis

By Roberto Acosta, MLive.com, 03/04/2016, 12:00 p.m.

The focus of Saturday's lead testing event at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will be on man's best friend for Flint residents.

5 months later in Flint, high lead levels remain

By Sara Ganum, CNN, 03/05/2016, 8:38 a.m. [video included]

It's been five months since the state of Michigan relented and switched Flint's drinking water source back to the Great Lakes, after a disastrous trial using the Flint River. Five months, and residents still can't drink what comes out of their taps.

Flint's water crisis is in the glare of the national spotlight this weekend

By Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio, 03/04/2016, 07:25 p.m. [audio included]

With the Democratic Presidential Debate taking place Sunday in Flint, Michigan, the national

spotlight is once again focusing on the city's lead-tainted drinking water. Some people in Flint are getting tired of being in the glare of the national spotlight.

Nancy Pelosi says Flint water crisis challenges nation's conscience

By Gary Ridley, MLive.com, 03/04/2016, 4:32 p.m.

U.S. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi said the water crisis in Flint "challenges the conscience of our nation" after she met with city residents to hear how they've dealt with the situation.

Rubio: Politicizing of Flint Water Crisis Is Unfair

By Melanie Hunter, CNSNews.com, 03/04/2016, 3:13 p.m.

GOP presidential candidate Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) said Thursday at the GOP presidential debate in Detroit, Mich., that it is "unfair" to politicize the Flint water crisis, because it's not like someone woke up one day and thought about how to poison the water system.

Political jabs over Flint water crisis high, but don't spell legislative breakdown

By Brian McVicar, MLive.com, 03/04/2016, 3:07 p.m.

Heated words over the Flint water crisis were high this week, but observers say the back-and-forth between Democrats and Republicans won't put the brakes on efforts to fix the city's lead-in-water crisis.

Water Line Replacement

First lead drinking water line removed in Flint under new program

By Mark Brush, Michigan Radio, 03/04/2016, 11:14 p.m.

It was a symbolic day in Flint on Friday as the city removed its first lead water service line under Mayor Karen Weaver's "FAST Start" program. The Mayor wants to remove all the lead water lines in the city under the program.

Flint kicks off \$55 million water line replacement program

By CNN Wire, story appearing on WGN-TV, 03/04/2016, 4:02 p.m.

The city of Flint, Michigan, has kicked off a \$55 million program to replace lead-contaminated pipes in the city's water system.

Flint begins lead pipe removal

By Jacob Carah, The Detroit News, 03/04/2016, 9:31 p.m.

An initial effort to replace residential lead pipes in the city as part of a massive infrastructure project began Friday at a family home of a pregnant woman due this month.

DEQ Audit Of Flint Water Records Released

By 94.9 WSJM-FM, 03/04/2016

An audit, released Friday, of the drinking water office within the state's Department of Environmental Quality shows the agency didn't treat Flint's drinking water with corrosion controls when the city first switched over to the Flint River as its water source. Senate Democratic Leader Jim Ananich requested the audit.

State audit faults Michigan regulators in Flint water crisis

By Tribune News Service, Chicago Tribune, 03/04/2016, 05:36 p.m.

Michigan environmental regulators made crucial errors as Flint began using a new drinking water source that would become contaminated with lead, auditors said Friday, as crews in the city started to dig up old pipes connecting water mains to homes.

Governor's Flint committee talks water safety evaluations

By Will Greenberg, Michigan Radio, 03/04/2016

Governor Snyder's committee on the Flint water crisis met again Friday, primarily discussing the best evaluation tools for assessing the city's water safety.

DEQ oversight of Flint water criticized in state auditor general report

By Julie Mack, [MLive.com](#), 03/04/2016, 12:44 p.m.

Echoing criticisms already leveled by others in the Flint water crisis, a new report by the Michigan auditor general's office found serious deficiencies in how the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality monitors the safety of the state's drinking water.

Audit criticizes Mich. for lax water supply oversight

By Jim Lynch, The Detroit News, 03/04/2016, 11:30 a.m.

Michigan's Office of the Auditor General has found deficiencies in the state's oversight of community water supplies — a likely critique of the Department of Environmental Quality's handling of the Flint crisis.

Flint Documentary

Students Tell The Flint Water Crisis Story From The Inside

By Seattle Post Intelligencer, 03/04/2016, 11:27 p.m.

In this clip from our 53+ minute interview with Michigan State University Documentary film students Elise Conklin & Liv Larsen, we talk about the story line of their upcoming documentary, "From Flint", the Sunday Flint presidential democratic debate schedule and selecting music for the 30 minute film. Elise Conklin, director: You can come at this story from so many different angles. There have been a lot of different news crews trying to tell the story, but we really want to focus on the people.

Economic Recovery/Donations

You can buy a house in Flint for \$14000

By Kathryn Vasel, CNNMoney, 03/04/2016, 5:43 p.m.

The hits keep coming for Flint's housing market. The Michigan city that sits roughly 60 miles north of Detroit is currently under a state of emergency after it was discovered that residents were exposed to unsafe levels of lead from the city's water system. And the fallout is starting to hurt its already-bruised real estate market.

Flint Has A Chance To Improve More Than Its Water

By Anna Maria Barry-Jester, FiveThirtyEight, 03/04/2016, 5:37 p.m.

As local, state and federal officials work to address the lead leaching into Flint's water from corroded pipes, some experts say this is an opportunity to deal with another of the city's tragedies: the high rates of trauma experienced by kids in the city. Poverty, violence, drug use and incarceration are all common here, and a growing body of research shows that exposure to these kinds of trauma in early childhood, while brains and bodies are developing, can have lifelong health effects.

Muslim community donates \$10000 to aid children in Flint's water crisis

By Amanda Emery, MLive.com, 03/04/2016, 5:00 p.m.

The Muslim community of Hamtramck and Detroit made a \$10,000 donation to aid people affected by Flint's water crisis.

Flint Water Crisis: 4 Our Families telethon is March 15

By WDIV Detroit, 03/04/2016, 4:12 p.m.

WDIV and four other television stations across Michigan -- WEYI-TV (Flint), WILX-TV (Lansing), WOOD-TV (Grand Rapids) and 9&10 (Northern Michigan) -- are joining forces with Art Van Furniture for the Flint Water Crisis: 4 Our Families telethon on March 15.

How to receive Flint water updates via text

By WLNS, 03/04/2016, 4:06 p.m. [video included]

On Friday crews began removing pipes that will be replaced in Flint. As the Flint water crisis continues, it's important for residents to stay updated on the latest information. All you have to do is text "FLINT" to 444999 to receive updates.

2 Who Helped Expose Flint Water Crisis Win PEN Awards

By Julie Bosman, New York Times, 03/04/2016

Two women who sounded early and persistent alarms about the quality of the water in Flint, Mich., will receive the Freedom of Expression Courage Award from PEN America, the group announced on Friday. LeeAnne Walters, a mother of four whose children were poisoned by lead in the Flint water supply, and Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, a pediatrician who revealed high levels of lead in the blood of children in the city, will be honored at the annual PEN Literary Gala on May 16 in New York.

United Nations group weighs in on Flint water

By The Detroit News, 03/04/2016, 3:34 p.m.

A United Nations group is weighing in on lead contamination in Flint, releasing a statement from a group of experts Friday that urges the United States to do more to protect children from toxins.

Doctor, mom who helped expose Flint water crisis win courage award

By Tribune News Service, Chicago Tribune, 03/04/2016, 11:00 a.m.

A prominent literary and human rights group is giving its annual courage award to a doctor and a mother of four who faced scorn as they tried to expose dangerous levels of lead in the water in Flint, Mich.

Flint Crisis Could Prompt Over \$275 Billion in Water Upgrades

By Kate Reilly, TIME, 03/05/2016, 10:30 a.m.

The Flint, Mich. water crisis could soon lead water suppliers across the country to spend over a quarter-trillion dollars on infrastructure upgrades, a rating agency said on Friday. Fitch Ratings said it predicts the cost of replacing an estimated six million lead service lines across the country could exceed \$275 billion, the Detroit Free Press reported.